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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AMENDMENT A

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) The method for promoting wound healing as recited in claim 1, wherein said applying a vacuum step comprises the steps of:
 packing said wound site with a foam pad, said foam pad being in fluid communication with a vacuum source;
 sealing said region, including said foam pad, with a wound drape; and
 communicating said vacuum from said vacuum source through said foam pad to said region.

Please add new claims 11 – 27 as follows:

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